# CITY OF LODI INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING "SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2002

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 6, 2002 commencing at 7:03 a.m.

#### A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members - Hitchcock (arrived at 7:07 a.m.), Howard, Land, Nakanishi,

and Mayor Pennino

Absent: Council Members - None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, City Attorney Hays, and City Clerk Blackston

#### B. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE

City Clerk Blackston reviewed the weekly calendar (filed).

#### C. TOPIC(S)

#### C-1 "Aquatics Program Update"

City Manager Flynn explained that this topic is on the agenda at the request of two Council Members who asked staff to look at ways to improve the aquatics programs. He stated that this has been done and staff believes the programs are working well as they are.

Parks and Recreation Director Baltz reported that his department utilizes six facilities to operate aquatics programs, which are classified as recreational, instructional, and competitive.

Jennifer Alberti, Recreation Supervisor, stated that she is a certified American Red Cross lifeguard and is working toward obtaining a Lifeguard Instructor (LGI) Certificate. During full operation Ms. Alberti has a staff of 35 lifeguards, swim instructors, and pool managers. The summer swim league has six teams with over 700 swimmers. Lifeguarding classes are offered five times a year. She reviewed swimming facilities and aquatics programs.

Tory Sonstroem stated that she has been the Aquatics Coordinator at Hutchins Street Square for the past eight months. Hutchins Street Square aquatics programs run 12 months a year, seven days a week. The pool is open to the public over 75 hours per week, with private rental by Lodi Memorial Hospital ten hours a week. They serve a wide range of participants primarily in need of water exercise and therapy. Twenty-six water aerobic classes are offered each week, with 25 to 30 participants per class. In addition, physical therapy and adaptive aquatics for developmentally disabled adults from group homes is offered. The aquatics staff consists of 17 part-time individuals. Senior citizens are the primary market for the Hutchins Street Square pool. Ms. Sonstroem described her education, experience, qualifications, and background, which she stated are a "perfect fit" for her position.

Mr. Flynn stated that the City has excellent staff running the aquatics programs. He had previously asked them if there was any advantage to putting the Parks and Recreation and Hutchins Street Square programs together, and staff believed there was not.

Community Center Director Lange recalled that when William Holtz gave a \$2.2 million donation toward Hutchins Street Square in 1987, his wish was to do something for senior citizens. A health maintenance swimming pool was constructed that is shallow and has a

stainless steel gutter system. She noted that while the aquatics programs at Hutchins Street Square and the Parks and Recreation Department are managed separately, there is communication between the two departments, particularly for instructional support and lifeguards.

Mayor Pennino clarified that he had asked two years ago if the City could benefit from one unified training program for lifeguards and emphasized that he believed such a Citywide policy would be advantageous.

Mr. Baltz replied in the affirmative, noting that it would merely be a matter of coordination and communication. He pointed out, however, that the two departments have different needs. As an example, lifeguards at Lodi Lake need a training module for open water.

Mayor Pennino stated that he did not want to see facilities closed due to the lack of employees and asked how the City could better manage lifeguards.

Ms. Sonstroem replied that her goal is to recruit mature adults and offer them lifeguard training.

Council Member Howard voiced concern about possible misinformation, or a scare tactic, that may have been used by informing Hutchins Street Square pool users that the aquatics programs at that facility were in jeopardy. She clarified that the purpose of today's discussion stemmed in part from her request to consider potential benefits that may be derived from the incorporation of Parks and Recreation and Hutchins Street Square aquatics programs under one aquatics supervisor. She also believed that there is a need to consolidate the lifeguard training services. Ms. Howard stated that she, and a handful of other people, started the aquatics program that is operated by Lodi Memorial Hospital. She voiced strong support for the Hutchins Street Square aquatics programs. She emphasized the importance of long-term planning and noted that the City's goal is to build a new aquatics facility that will be multi-purpose.

Council Member Land stated that during his six years on the Council he has learned that seniors keep the Council informed of problems and needs in the community. As he had not heard any complaints from the seniors using the Hutchins Street Square pool, he did not believe there were any problems that needed to be addressed.

In response to Council Member Howard's comment about misinformation, Mr. Flynn stated that there was never a suggestion made by staff that the programs would be changed. There is, however, a perceived threat by the users that if administration changes, the programming will be affected.

Council Member Land noted that correspondence from physicians in support of the programming at Hutchins Street Square pool has been received by Council (filed).

Council Member Nakanishi read the following statement from a letter submitted by Sandy Hutchens, "regardless of current intentions there is a real fear that should Parks and Recreation take over the pool, eventually the program would be changed to have more emphasis on recreation rather than fitness." He asked that the minutes of this meeting reflect that approximately 100 senior citizens were present. He preferred that departments be separate and autonomous.

Council Member Howard stated that it is the responsibility of the Aquatics Coordinator to look at programs and figure out what the best balance is, which occasionally results in changes to the programs. She suggested that this same oversight be applied to all aquatics programs and pools in Lodi by an Aquatics Supervisor, with a focus on keeping the theme of "health and wellness" at Hutchins Street Square.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock believed that each department knows what is best for their specific programming, and for this reason, she favored keeping them separate.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Don Phillips stated that he swims every day at Hutchins Street Square. He
  commented that he was very honored to be elected Citizen of the Year last year and
  voiced pride in the community. His seven year old grandson recently won a race at a
  swimming meet held at Tokay High School. His older grandson, Kevin Phillips, was
  selected to have his poetry engraved at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.
- Jerry Zimmerman stated that he uses the Hutchins Street Square pool every morning and volunteered to serve as a lifeguard.
- Jack Paden explained that there is a difference in the environment older people need, as compared to what younger, more active people need. Older people are comfortable in 90 degree water, while younger people in that temperature do not find it conducive to swimming. He stated that if the water and ambient air temperature are decreased, it will interfere with the current programming.
- Wallace Sakata asked what programs might change.

Council Member Howard stated that when she was working at Hutchins Street Square as a physical therapy assistant she noticed miscommunication and duplication of services between the Parks and Recreation Department and Hutchins Street Square. A situation occurred where Hutchins Street Square was told they had to cancel a program and send everyone home because it conflicted with something at the Parks and Recreation Department. People in the community did not know which department to call when they had questions about aquatics programs. Some pool users wanted more lap time, but complained that the temperature was too hot, while others said the water was too cold for arthritis classes. From this feedback and discussion between a physical therapist and the City Manager, a theme of "health and wellness" for the Hutchins Street Square pool was decided on. From these experiences, it led her to ask how staff could coordinate the lifeguard programs and have one Aquatics Coordinator so that citizens could call one location for an answer regarding any aquatic program.

- Arthur Price expressed his opinion that the program is run beautifully and could not see how it could be improved. He believed that a change in administration would result in an emphasis on youth rather than seniors. He was opposed to making any changes whatsoever.
- Kirby Lawson commented that he and his wife have homes in Lodi and Prescott, Arizona. He has used the pool at Hutchins Street Square for the past few weeks. He asked whether there were any volunteer lifeguards, to which staff answered that there were not. He pointed out that typically when jobs are enhanced, the pay increases as well, and indicated that the administration change being suggested would cost the City more money. In summary, he stated "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Council Member Howard stated that the profits and monies from the aquatics programs at Hutchins Street Square remain in the Community Center's budget. She commented that if a large profit is being made from a program it is difficult to release control of it, such as for the purposes being discussed today, because it would mean the monies would go into an overall Parks and Recreation fund used for a variety of programs.

Alice Weisz stated that she has been using the Hutchins Street Square pool for many
years and will soon be 92 years old. She believed that if she were not using the pool,
she would be in a wheelchair. Her doctor advised her to increase the days she
exercises in the pool from three to five days a week. She was opposed to making
any changes to the way the pool is being operated.

- Norma Smith stated that the reason she chose to move to Lodi six years ago was due
  to the Hutchins Street Square pool and the value it has for her health. She noted that
  many elderly people live alone and the pool serves as a social outlet for participants.
  She stated that the administration does an excellent job.
- Toni Cayuela, Parks and Recreation Department Aquatics Supervisor, stated that she
  teaches lifeguard training and believed that it would be a great idea to combine
  training for both Parks and Recreation and Hutchins Street Square. She suggested
  that in-service training be combined and competitions be scheduled to build lifeguard
  skills.
- Mary Dorsett stated that she has been using the Hutchins Street Square pool at her doctor's recommendation. During the past three months she lost weight, gained strength, and eliminated the need for crutches.
- Linda Chatic stated that her husband has been disabled for 30 years and she has seen him go from being in a wheelchair, to being able to walk, because of water therapy. She felt that the best qualified people to make decisions for the seniors are the people who see them on a daily basis.
- Darlyn Bristow believed that changing the administration would eventually lead to programming changes, to which she was opposed.

Mayor Pennino reiterated his belief that a Citywide policy is needed for lifeguard training and noted that the planned Aquatics Facility will have one 50-meter pool and one 25-meter pool.

Council Members Land and Nakanishi believed that no changes should be made to the current operation of the City's pools.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hitchcock was not in favor of a Citywide lifeguard training program because she believed that specific training is more beneficial. She recalled previous Council consideration of combining Parks and Recreation and Hutchins Street Square into one department called Leisure Service. She was opposed to the concept because it would have created another layer of government. She stated that there are unique and different needs for Hutchins Street Square and Parks and Recreation. She preferred decentralized services for the efficiency it creates.

Council Member Howard reiterated her support for one lifeguard program, one Aquatics Director, and to retain the theme at Hutchins Street Square of "health and wellness."

Mayor Pennino encouraged Ms. Lange and Mr. Baltz to look at ways to obtain efficiencies in lifeguard training and increase safety for pool users.

Mr. Flynn stated that staff will always be looking at ways to improve operations. He understood from today's meeting that there is no real need for change at the present time and staff will continue to move forward with programs as they are.

#### D. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### E. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston City Clerk

#### Mayor's & Council Member's Weekly Calendar

#### MEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2002

Tuesday, August 6, 2002

Shirtsleeve Session

7:00 a.m.

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1. Aquatics Program Update (PR/COM)

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Pennino**. 2002 National Night Out.

Wednesday, August 7, 2002

City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.) (NOTE: Closed Session Meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 8, 2002

#### Friday, August 9, 2002

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Pennino, Hitchcock, Howard, and Land.** Chamber Membership Barbecue, School Street in front of Chamber

office.

5:45 p.m. Howard. Grand opening and ribbon cutting for Rosewood

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(formerly Hazel's).

Chamber Lessons in Leadership & Life, Special Recognition of Bill Dauer, Wine & Roses.

#### Saturday, August 10, 2002

11:00 – noon Pennino, Hitchcock, Howard, and Land. Dedication of the Lodi Skate Park, Kofu Park. Opening ceremony to the public is noon

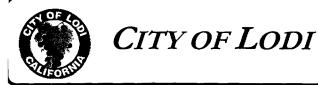
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Noon Community Partnership for Families of San Joaquin's Pakistan

Independence Day, Lodi Lake Park.

#### Sunday, August 11, 2002

Monday, August 12, 2002



### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE:

Aquatics Program Summary

MEETING DATE:

August 6, 2002 (Shirtsleeve Session)

PREPARED BY:

Parks & Recreation Director, Community Center Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The programs are both running well and are responsive to their individual community clientele. Both the Parks and Recreation Department and Hutchins Street Square assist each other when there is need for support in pool maintenance, education and

staffing. Staff sees no particular advantage in cost or efficiency to either combine the programs or alter the current organizational structure. Our recommendation is to leave the programs as they are now operating and to continue supporting each other.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Currently and historically, the City of Lodi has operated two distinct swimming programs for its constituents. The Parks and Recreation Department operates the Enzi Pools and Lodi Lake on a summer/3-month basis, providing recreational and leisure

activities for youngsters and families. Hutchins Street Square operates the HSS Pool on a yearround/12-month basis, providing an indoor heated pool as a wellness and therapeutic facility focusing on seniors/adults and handicapped individuals.

The issue for discussion today is whether there is an advantage to coordinating both programs under the immediate supervision and direction of one individual and/or department. The programs at this writing are as different as night and day.

The following information is presented for information and review regarding the City aquatics programs. Staff will be present at the Shirtsleeve Session to answer questions and clarify information. We have attempted to "pool" information relevant to aquatics operations of both the Parks and Recreation Department and Hutchins Street Square.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATICS:

The Department operates a robust aquatics program which utilizes six (6) primary facilities. The Parks and Recreation program is most active from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Additionally, we also work with LUSD on a year round basis to schedule uses for the Lodi City Swim team needs, and with Bear Creek High School for their uses of Enze pool in the Spring months.

Programs offered through Parks and Recreation typically fall into the categories of recreational, instructional, and competitive.

Rentals of various aquatics facilities, coordination of facility use under the terms of the LUSD/City Joint Use Agreement, and continuing work on the Aquatics Complex capital project are also integrated into the Parks and Recreation Department aquatics operations.

APPROVED:		
	Н. Dixon Flynn — City Manager	

#### PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATICS (CONTINUED):

Attached is detailed information on Parks and Recreation Department Aquatics in the following areas:

- Programs
- Facilities
- Staffing
- · Rentals and Fees
- · Aquatics Complex Capital Project
- LUSD Issues

#### **HUTCHINS STREET SQUARE AQUATICS:**

The Square operates an indoor 25 yard, 3.5 ft to 5 ft deep pool, featuring a stainless steel gutter system that also serves as a balance rail for our frail and compromised clients. The pool is certified by the Arthritis Foundation and is heated to a constant range of 86-89 degrees daily. The pool features a hydraulic lift that allows access for disabled clients.

The program offering includes a schedule that begins at 6 a.m. each morning and continues through to 8:30 p.m. in the evening, Monday through Friday. The weekend program begins on Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Square is open seven days a week. The programs include conditioning class, cardio-splash, seniors and disabled swim, lap swim, arthritis exercise class, Camp Hutchins Swim, Family Swim and private rental to Lodi Memorial Hospital for their physical therapy programs. Of the 85 hours per week that the pool operates, 38 hours are devoted to therapy, exercise, or adapted aquatics. About 22 hours per week are reserved for adult lap swim.

Maintenance of the pool is handled by the Square staff. Janitorial service is provided by the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

The program is managed by the Aquatics Coordinator Tory Sonstroem, who is supervised by Senior Services Coordinator Ann Areida-Hintz. The pool is an integral part of Areida-Hintz's programming for seniors. Sonstroem's credentials include over 15 years of experience as a lifeguard, lifeguard instructor, water-exercise-instructor trainer, and aquatics manager. Sonstroem holds over a dozen professional certifications related to aquatics, health, and fitness, as well as a Master of Science degree in Recreation Administration.

Lifeguards and exercise instructors are certified and trained by Sonstroem, and sometimes by outside experts unavailable locally. We follow the training protocols of the YMCA and the American Red Cross for matters of health, safety, and fitness. At this writing, 13 lifeguards and 4 instructors are employed on a part-time basis at the HSS Pool. The majority of our lifeguards are college-aged students, and the instructors mature adults. Sonstroem's goal is to continue to recruit mature exercise instructors who, secondarily, are certified lifeguards.

The challenge in maintaining a year-round pool program is staffing. We rely heavily on Sonstroem to not only program the pool, but to be on staff to teach classes or to lifeguard when necessary.

Volunteer seniors handle cashier duties and maintain the pool desk, and are "paid" on an hour-for-hour exchange of free swim time.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene J. Lange
Community Center Director

Parks & Recreation Director

cc: City Attorney

**Deputy City Manager** 

#### PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATICS PROGRAMS:

Parks and Recreation program offerings are based upon community needs and have been developed over the many years of operations. They can be generally classified into the categories of recreational programs, instructional programs, and competitive programs.

#### Some of the Programs include:

- Summer Swim League The eight week program has six teams with over 750
  participants in the league. Teams practice at Lodi High, Tokay High, Blakely Pool
  and Twin Arbors.
- Stroke and Turn Clinics Clinics are design to improve the swimming stroke and turns. Clinics are offered twice a year.
- Swim Lessons –The department offers three different types of lessons; Mommy and Me for children ages 9 months to 6 years, private swim lessons for one on one instruction and group swim lessons with over 2,000 different opportunities to learn to swim. All levels of lessons offered meet the American Red Cross standars taught by an American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor.
- Waterfit Water Aerobics designed for losing weight, toning up and relaxing in and outdoor pool environment.
- Wading Tales Is a one and a half hour program that includes arts and crafts; swim and water play and a story in the wading pool.
- Summer Water Polo League Is an introduction to a competitive water polo league for youth ages 8-13. The league was developed to refine swimming skills and to teach youth the fundamentals of water polo.
- Lodi Lake Beach Open Swim Features a sandy beach area for plenty of fun in the sun. The lake also offers a tiny tot water feature and spray pool.
- Morning/Evening Lap Swim at Enze Pool Gives people in the community an opportunity to swim laps for exercise and enjoyment.
- Open Swim Is located a Blakely Pool which features a 25-meter pool and a 25 –
  yard pool. The complex also has a relaxing grass area, chaise lounges, picnic tables,
  chairs and bleachers.
- Lifeguard Training Classes This 40 hour course covers all certifications needed to be a pool lifeguard in the State of California. The course covers Lifegurad Training, CPR for the professional rescuer, and First Aid for lifeguards.
- Jr. Lifeguard Training Classes This week long camp provides children of the ages 11-14 with a fondation of knowledge, attitudes, and skills that they will need to be a responsible lifeguard. The course introduces: common cause of drowing/ways to prevent them, a personalized work out, demonstrations of rescues for various types of victims, first aid skills, CPR skills, deep water rescues, teamwork and communications skills, and the basics in writing a aquatic resume and the proper way to fill out an aquatic application.
- Community Water Safety Classes This American Red Cross course presents information about various aquatic environments and their potential hazards and informs the general public on how to safely participate in aquatic activities. Students after completion of the course are able to recognize and prevent aquatic emergencies.
- City Swim Team A USS swim team that swims competitively year round.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATICS FACILITIES:

Parks and Recreation utilizes six (6) facilities to provide aquatics for our community. These include:

- Enze Pool 25 meter pool. Enze is mostly use by our public swim, but other
  activities in the pool include Summer Swim League practices and meets, Waterfit,
  Mommy and Me, Water polo, USS Swim Team, Private swim lessons, Community
  Water Safety, Lifeguard Training, Jr. Lifeguarding, and lap swim.
- Field Pool 25 yard pool. Field is mostly utilized for group swim lessons, Lifeguard Training, Private Swim Lessons, Summer Swim league practices and Waterfit.
- Tokay High School Pool –50 meter pool. Use of Tokay is limited! Programs offered
  in the pool include Summer Swim League practices and Championship Meet, USS
  Swim team, Stroke and Turn Clinics, Water polo, and Lifeguard Training.
- Lodi High School Pool 25 meter pool. Programs at Lodi High Pool include Summer Swim League, Lifeguard Training, Lap Swim, and Water polo.
- Lodi Lake Beach/Swimming Area features a large sandy beach area with a swimming area of 30,000sqft. The Beach is use for a variety of programs such as, Jr. Lifeguarding, Lifeguard Games, and special events.
- Lodi Lake Wading Pool features a small pool aprox. 1,400sqft with a large spray feature. Programs such as Tot water play and Wading tales are offered in the wading pool.
- Twin Arbors Swimming Pool This private health club swimming pool has been
  utilized for the past two years under an agreement negotiated by the City. The use is
  for our Summer Swim League and has resulted in our being able to add one
  additional team to the League. Practices and Meets are held at the facility.

#### Facilities Maintenance and Operations:

Parks Division staff are trained and responsible for operating and maintaining Enze and Fields Pool along with Lodi Lake swimming area. Lifeguard staff responsibilities include basic clean up of their facilities and daily water testing.

#### LUSD Joint Use Agreement:

A very unique feature of the Parks and Recreation aquatics program is the administrative and logistical responsibility and oversight of the LUSD joint use agreement. Facility scheduling, quarterly billings, and coordination of LUSD facilities uses are required.

Parks and Recreation staff interact with LUSD staff at Lodi High School, Tokay High School, and Bear Creek High School to schedule facility uses. Principals, Athletic Directors, coaches, and other LUSD staff are often involved. Under the Agreement meetings are to be held at specific times to work out pool uses. Rates for billings are also annual issues which are addressed.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION AQUATICS STAFFING:

Our Parks and Recreation Department recruits, trains, hires, and supervises the aquatics staff. One of our mid management Recreation Supervisors is responsible for management of our aquatics programs. These duties are ably performed by Jennifer Alberti in our Department. Ms. Alberti is responsible for coordinating all facilities usage's, including the facilities use requests with LUSD on a year round basis.

Beginning in April/May the aquatic staff recruitment process begins. A part time aquatic supervisor is hired for the summer aquatics season. A staff of 30 to 45 lifeguards, swim instructors, and site supervisors are hired for the season. Our aquatic supervisor for the past two years has been Toni Cayuela. She brings over 8 years of aquatic experience to staff. Our lifeguard staff is largely made up of high school and college students.

Training for aquatics staff occurs throughout the year. Ms. Cayuela is a LGI (lifeguard instructor) and is in the process of obtaining her IT (instructor training). This certification allows Ms. Cayuela to train individuals to become lifeguards and train existing lifeguard to be able to teach lifeguard training. Lifeguard classes are offered two to three times per year and allows us to produce a pool of qualified lifeguards for our needs. We also offer a Jr. Lifeguard program, and water safety training.

#### **RENTALS AND FEES:**

The Parks and Recreation Department rents Lodi Lake Beach area and wading pool, Enze Pool, and Field pool for parties and other events. The Department has a 30% cost recovery goal and revenue generated from our aquatics rentals, lessons, classes, leagues, and entry fees are factored into our calculations.

#### **AQUATICS COMPLEX PROJECT:**

Looking to our future, the aquatics programs and operations may be greatly affected if the City continues to develop the Aquatics project. As you may recall, the project design is for a new 50-meter pool and an additional 7,000 ft. of recreational pool. This new facility would allow for a substantial expansion of programs, rentals, and classes. Staffing and maintenance needs for our Department would also increase.

#### **POSSIBLE LUSD CHANGES:**

The Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) has approached our Department regarding the possibility of contracting for lifeguards to be provided by the Parks and Recreation Department for their needs throughout the school day at Lodi and Tokay High School. No decisions have been made regarding these issues as yet but I mention it as it may impact us in the future.

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August 02, 2002

RE: MARGARET SPARGO

To whom it may concern;

I have been treating Mrs. Margaret Spargo for many years. The patient is treated for Coronary Artery disease, Diabetes, Osteoarthritis, and also Hepititis. I feel it is in the best interest of my patient, and essential to her well being that she continues her Water therapy as part of her daily curriculam. Previous treatments proved unsuccessful.

The Water treatment seems to help the patient. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Thank you;

Fram Buhari, M.D.

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July 29, 2002

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that Ms. Margaret Spargo has been treating in my office since June of this year. She suffers from sciatica, pain and numbness in her lower extremities and bursitis.

She has recently informed me that she has been participating in the City of Lodi swimming program. This program has helped her greatly in pain reduction of her symptoms.

Unfortunately at this time, Ms. Spargo understands that the City of Lodi wishes to discontinue this swimming program. This would be a large loss to Ms. Spargo. She has benefitted greatly from this program. I hope the City of Lodi will reconsider their decision in regards to this program.

If I can be of any further help, please contact my office.

Thank you for your time and attention with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

K. Peter Huber, D.C.

